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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Union Government`s plans to spend Rs. 40,000 crore investment for improving airports infrastructure and developing ground facilities as the existing infrastructure and ground facilities at the airports are inadequate to meet growing demands of air travel and cargo;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government is also planning to upgrade 30 small airports in the country;

(d) If so, whether the Government has appointed a Committee of Technical and Financial Consultants to prepare a detailed project report on each of these airports;

(e) If so, whether the Government has received the recommendations of the Committee;

(f) If so, the details thereof; and

(g)The time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b) and (c) Improvement/ upgradation of airport infrastructure and ground facilities at airports is a continuous process and is taken up by Airports Authority of India (AAI) based on the traffic demand, availability of land, resources etc. However, Government has decided to restructure and modernize Delhi and Mumbai airports through joint venture route by public private participation. Government has also decided to develop and modernize city side of 35 non-metro airports in the country in phases to world class standards. The estimated expenditure for development of these airports is Rs. 4662 crores.

(d), (e) and (f) AAI had appointed Global Technical Advisor

(GTA) and Indian Financial Consultant (IFC) to prepare detailed project report (DPR) for development works for first phase of 10 airports and second phase of 15 airports. The report for first phase of 10 airports has been submitted by the consultants. Appointment of GTA and IFC is likely to be made for third phase of 10 airports.

(g) The 35 non-metro airports are proposed to be developed and modernized by the year 2010 taking into account the recommendations of the GTA and IFC.